Application No.: 10/517,698 Docket No.: 23004/40746

## **REMARKS**

The office action dated May 25, 2006 noted that the applicants were required to elect a single species from five groups.

I. Chemical reactions: DNA sequencing;

II. Reactants: DNA;

III. Inert phases: mineral oil;

IV. Changes: change in temperature;

V. Surfactants: non-ionic.

In response for group I applicants elect **DNA sequencing (i.e., species a)**; for group II applicants elect **DNA (i.e., species r)**; for group III applicants elect **mineral oil (i.e., species ppp)**, for group IV applicants elect **change in temperature (i.e., species sss)**, and for group V applicants **elect non-ionic surfactants**.

Applicants respectfully request that the Office contact the undersigned in the event that there are an questions regarding this submission.

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